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The Law Govering The Sale Of County Property By The Board Of County Commissioners.

One of the many powers and jurisdictions granted the Board of County Commissioners in this state is one effecting the sale of County property, and Paragraph 10, Section 2111, Cuttings compiled laws, 1861-1900 says that they have the power.

"To sell at Public Auction, at the Court House of said County, after at least Thirty Days Previous to Public Notice (in the same manner as required by law for the sale of like property on execution), and cause to be conveyed any property belonging to the County, appropriating the proceeds of such sale to the use of the same."

In a suit brought in Ormsby County against the Board of County Commissioners it was decided that the County Commissioners have no powers beyond those expressly granted by the Legislature; and also in a case of Hess vs Commissioners of Washoe, it was decided that the Boards of County Commissioners are of special and limited powers, and must always exercise their powers as prescribed, where such prescription is material."

In view of the fact that in the past six months the Board of County Commissioners of this County have disposed of a great deal of County property by merely making an order on their books, it is evident that in so doing they have exceeded their powers and every transaction effecting the sale of County property made by the Board by an entry on their minutes is illegal and of no value whatever.

The intent of the law is that all County property shall be sold at public auction by giving at least 30 days public notice, so that all desiring to bid on the same will have an opportunity, and that the County will realize the greatest amount for the property, which it cannot do if disposed of in any other manner.

Purchasers of County property will do well to look up the law on this point before they commence to improve, as any citizen has the right to bring an action to set aside any order of the Board of County Commissioners which he thinks is contrary to law and effects the welfare of the County.

The RECORD force is too busy to elaborate matters this week.

It is not generally the policy of the RECORD to make apologies for things it does or does not do which could not well be avoided, but this week it diverts by explaining why so much space has been taken up to one subject and other interests neglected. This office on short notice and with limited assistance has been engaged in printing the official ballots of Lincoln county, all available help and material being utilized. That which accounts for the lack of local news is the fact that the political campaign is upon us and certain amounts of space is open to discussion.

J. A. Clark will inaugurate during the coming week a complete private telephone system throughout the town. The central office will be at his resort and those who prefer to talk to any of the various residences rather than climb the precipitous back streets can find efficient service there.

W. R. Thomas.

The announcement of W. R. Thomas appears in today's issue. Mr. Thomas did not seek the nomination for the Assembly but was put forward by the Republican County Convention because of his fitness and large local interests. Mr. Thomas hails from Las Vegas where he has erected an elegant brick building which is evidence he likes Lincoln County and intends to stay. Mr. Thomas has lately been admitted to practice law in Nevada. He held several positions of trust in different localities.

Ground has been broken for the new building of Cook & Hodges to be erected on Main Street.

T. J. Osborne arrived Tuesday from Salt Lake, and as usual on account of his long absence is too busy to look at anybody.

Mrs. J. R. Cook and children returned Tuesday from an extended visit to Salt Lake much improved in health for the trip.

Mr. C. B. Streeter came in from Patterson Thursday with some splendid specimens of ore from his property there. He met his partner here, Mr. A. C. Pitcomb, from Colorado, who accompanied him back. They were loaded out with supplies and material and will develop their Orange Grove claims.

There is considerable interest manifested here in the organization of a young men's working club. The matter has been discussed considerably by those interested and the move is meeting with encouragement among everybody. As it is outlined to the RECORD every one should support it. It is the intention of the organization to provide ample room in which to spend the evenings and reading and other amusements will be the order of improvement. The matter has been taken in hand by Messrs. J. B. Wheeler, F. W. Dickle and Dr. Hagan.

Political Announcements.

Announcements appearing under this head will be published up to the day of Election.

Levi Syphas

Democratic Nominee

for Assemblyman.

H. H. Lee

Democratic Nominee for

Recorder and Auditor.

W. R. Thomas

Republican Nominee For

Assemblyman.

Ed. W. Clark

Democratic Nominee For

COUNTY TREASURER.

W. G. Douglass

Republican Nominee For

Secretary of State.

WILLIAM ORR

Democratic Nominee for

County Clerk.

Jake Johnson

Republican Nominee for

SHERIFF.

Frank Williams

Democratic Nominee for

Assemblyman.

John F. Roeder

Democratic Nominee For

ASSESSOR.

Eugene Goodrich

Republican Nominee for

Recorder & Auditor.

H. W. Turner

Republican Nominee for

County Treasurer.

LEVI SYPHUS.

This issue contains the announcement of a Lincoln County raised boy for the Assembly in the person of Levi Syphas of St. Thomas. Mr. Syphas represented this County in the lower branch of the Legislature both to credit to the County and himself. Levi did in no way seek the nomination but the Democratic convention knowing he was one of the strongest men in the County placed the nomination on his shoulders and now he intends to do his utmost to win.

Henry Lee.

One of the many items over looked in last week's issue was that of Henry Lee for County Recorder and Auditor on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Lee is so well and favorably known throughout Lincoln County that commendation would be superfluous. However he has occupied this office for two terms to the satisfaction of everyone and received the nomination of his party by acclamation, which denotes the appreciation of his services.

Ed. W. Clark.

The Democratic candidate for County Treasurer, Ed W. Clark announcement appears in this issue. Ed is present postmaster at Caliente and is also one of the largest holders in the Fd W. Clark & Co. Forwarding Company of Caliente and Las Vegas. Ed is an honest man and will be a good officer if elected.

Disloyalty.

The Las Vegas Times finds occasion to exhibit a mean disposition in the matter of Ed Cutts declaration for the nomination of State Treasurer on the Republican ticket. While this was at one time the intention of Mr. Cutts his reasons were entirely pecuniary and physical, and not as stated by the Times any declaration of the platform or act of the party. Mr. Cutts has finally consented to make the race and this the Times knew when it published the flagrant and even palpable article referred to. The meanest thing conceivable in politics is the Times intimation of Mr. Cutts disloyalty to his party in order to mislead the credulous into other ranks. The writer can say for Mr. Cutts that he never in his life voted any other ticket than Republican nor any place except in Nevada. Such Journalism as that conducted by the Times is not only contemptible, but a farce. Its editor was born in iniquity and is seething in insanity.

Robt. Raftice.

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On the Democratic State ticket for State Controller the name of Robt Raftice is found. Mr. Raftice, when the experiment farm bill came up in the Senate to give Lincoln County an experiment farm it was defeated by one vote notwithstanding Senator Campbell's strenuous work in its favor. Ordinarily this settled a bill, but Senator Raftice a staunch friend of the bill went to Sen. Gallagher and finally prevailed upon him to ask for a reconsideration of the votes. Sen. Gallagher had voted against the bill and would naturally want to see it "stay dead" but Senator Raftice by his earnest endeavors finally introduced Sen. Gallagher to get the bill back on the collidor and on its second trial secured a majority and became a law.

Senator Raftice has been in Nevada 40 years. He hauled one of the first loads of Machinery that came into Pioche.

The good things in reality are gradually slipping away.

A Winning Ticket!

A Few Facts About the Republican County Nominees.

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Assemblymen.

The Republican nominees for Assemblymen for Lincoln County are among the most able ever selected from this County. Mr. W. R. Thomas of Las Vegas is a man of sterling worth, of mature years and careful judgment. He is interested in various business pursuits in the vicinity of Las Vegas and elsewhere in Lincoln County, and is a man well acquainted with the needs of a county which is fast becoming one of the most progressive in the State. He has been a remarkably successful man with his own business affairs, and if elected, which he will be, is bound to prove a credit to Lincoln County in the Assembly.

C. T. Durell, another Republican nominee for the Assembly, is now, and has been for years past, a Civil Engineer at Searchlight, and in that capacity has endeared himself to the people, both locally and in surrounding camps. While not so well acquainted in the Northern portion of the County he is familiar with every mine in the Southern portion thereof, from the grass roots down, and is well known to the people in that vicinity. He is a man of sterling worth and has charge of one of the largest engineering offices in Southern Nevada. His reports are taken without comment, and his word is considered as good as his bond. Durell will be elected, and will prove a credit to Lincoln County.

It is unnecessary for the RECORD to say much in regard to Harry Lawry, the other Republican candidate for Assembly, for he is well and favorably known from Fay City to Tonopah, among miners, farmers and cattle men. Harry is a miner by occupation, and a good one. He seldom works for wages, for the reason that he can put in his time more profitably in bonding and leasing. He is an enthusiastic member of the Miners' Union, and was affiliated with them in early days. He has held prominent and responsible positions in the employ of various mining companies, and has been a universal favorite with both employer and employee. He is favorably known throughout the County by both Democrats and Republicans, and we venture to say that he will poll the largest vote of any man on the ticket. He is a man of over average intelligence and knows well the needs of the County. Harry Lawry will be elected.

Sheriff.

It is necessary for us to make but few comments in regard to our able and efficient Sheriff Jake Johnson, the man who at all times and under all circumstances has upheld the sterling dignity of the law, and upon all occasions, regardless of consequences, has been for law and order. It is a matter of little consequence to Jake whether he be criticised by any particular class or not, so long as he is aware that he has upheld the law and performed his duty, and by this course of conduct he has endeared himself to the people of Lincoln County and so won their confidence that he has held office for four successive terms and will continue to hold it. He is widely known as a careful, efficient and brave officer throughout the State of Nevada and the entire West. He has saved Lincoln County thousands of dollars and has been honest to a

fault. At the time of examination of the County Books of Lincoln County, Nevada, during the year, 1905, owing to irregularities being brought to the notice of the public by reason of misconduct on the part of the Democratic administration, at that time in power, the books of his office were shown to be untarnished, every dollar received by him as Sheriff having been accounted for, turned over and apportioned to the proper fund. He was at that time the only Republican County officer, and the Democrats being compelled on account of the gross and flagrant disclosures to employ an expert to examine the books and records, were satisfied that, if irregularities existed they would be found to exist with the Republican as well as with the Democrat office holders, but in this they were mistaken for Jake was found to be immune. Jake has reared a family in Lincoln County and has been a useful member of the community at all times, and will again preside over the affairs of Lincoln County in the capacity of Sheriff.

Assessor.

James S. Abbott of Bunkerville Nevada, is of the right material to assess the tax payers of Lincoln County in a uniform and efficient manner. He was born and raised in Lincoln County, Nevada, and has been engaged in almost every avocation herein, from mining to farming, and is at present conducting a business at Bunkerville in this County. He is a young man, married and staid in his habits and is widely known throughout the County. He has always taken an active part in politics and his sound judgment has guided him along the proper paths, and is one who makes friends wherever he goes.

Conscientious in all his actions and successful in every enterprise he has won the confidence of the people and will be unanimously elected.

Treasurer.

Harry Turner will be our next Treasurer. All of the old timers say so, and also those of the more youthful residence who know him, and all will know him before election day. It is unnecessary to make any statements in regard to Harry's honesty and integrity for his character in these respects is an open book in Lincoln County. He has at different times served this County in the capacity of County Commissioner, County Superintendent of Schools, and for several years, and up to 1903, as County Recorder and Auditor of Lincoln County. Not only on those occasions did he fulfill the duties of the different offices in a most efficient manner, but he acted in other capacities also, and during the time he was County Recorder he was depository for most of the heavy mining transactions in Lincoln County, people reposing such confidence in him that their money bonds, title papers etc. were without hesitation deposited in his care with the full knowledge that they could be had when needed or demanded. A more fitting person for the office of Treasurer could not have been selected by the Republicans of Lincoln County. He is a man who has been successful in all of his undertakings, and when elected will personally attend to the duties of his office, and not do so by deputy. He will be a

proper custodian of the County funds, and will so keep his books that all monies will be there at the time of his retirement from office. Harry has also been famous, during his sojourn in Lincoln County as a most sincere friend of the workingman. The history of the Nevada Mining Company, which became defunct in Pioche some years ago, showed the sterling qualities of the man and his friendship for the workingman. After they had lost their pay he championed their cause, acted as Receiver, advanced them money for supplies, and wages, until they became partially, and those who stayed with it, entirely repaid for what was due and owing them. The silent charities that have been handed out by Harry Turner throughout Lincoln County would amount to a good deal more than some people earn; these acts are not made a boast of, nor published abroad, but they are nevertheless facts, and the needy and unfortunate have never been forgotten or overlooked by this generous and noble gentleman and it goes without saying that Harry will be unanimously elected, and will continue in the future as he has been in the past, a useful citizen, an efficient officer, and a trusted friend to all who know him.

District Attorney.

Mr. H. S. Laney of Caliente, Nevada, received the nomination for District Attorney for Nevada at the hands of the Republican party, and that he will be elected is a foregone conclusion. His residence in the County has not been of an extended length, but he has been acquainted with the affairs of Lincoln for over three years, has been an actual resident for some time past, and has attended our various Court sessions and engaged in some important legal business, where he has shown himself to be an able, thorough and competent attorney and counsellor at law. He is a man of mature years, is wonderfully resourceful in the way of knowledge and is learned not only in the law but in the classics. He has taken advantage of a thorough and liberal education and will make a prudent and careful adviser for the officers of Lincoln County.

County Commissioner Long Term.

Mr. W. C. Bowman of Logan, Nevada, will be our next Long Term Commissioner. He is the regular nominee of the Republican ticket and was selected on account of his unusual business ability, and because of the locality of the County in which he resides. Mr. Bowman is one of the progressive farmers in the Muddy Valley, and when we say progressive we mean a man who has taken possession of a jungle in which he has so led the pace at cultivation as not only to make a farm of his own productive and profitable, but has been the means of infusing new life in the vicinity of Muddy River Valley one of the most fruitful agricultural sections of Nevada. He is thoroughly in touch with the conditions of the County, is a successful, careful man in his own business concerns, strictly conscientious and will attend to the duties of the office of Long Term Commissioner, which office he will fill after 1906.

County Commissioner Short Term.

Mr. H. A. Perkins, although a young man, was nominated in

accordance with the unanimous demand of the Southern part of Lincoln County, and particularly Searchlight. He came to Searchlight when that town was in its infancy; was one of the grass rooters engaged in mining, and afterwards in newspaper work, and is now in charge of and editing one of the brightest mining papers in circulation in the State of Nevada. He was appointed Post Master at Searchlight by President Roosevelt on account of his business qualifications, and continued in the office of Post Master until very recently when he found that his business pursuits encroached upon his time to so great an extent that he was obliged to resign in order to give undivided attention to growing business interests. He is a nephew of the late opponent of Governor Cummins of Iowa, who came so nearly succeeding to the nomination and belongs to a highly respected family. He has the stuff in him to make an excellent Commissioner which fact is recognized by the people of the South of the County. He has the courage of his convictions and when elected will make a name for himself as a most able County Commissioner.

County Recorder and Auditor.

Eugene Goodrich, a Lincoln County, boy was nominated for County Recorder and Auditor for Lincoln County. Heretofore Gene has been engaged in newspaper work in Lincoln County, was the editor and proprietor of the Lode at Delamar for a number of years, and previous to that time occupied all positions on the Record, from Devil to Editor. He is recognized for his clerical ability and the systematic manner of managing books of account and record and for his thorough knowledge of clerical matters and all improved forms of systematized book-keeping. He was one of those who assisted in bringing before the public the loose methods and lack of system and flagrant irregularities which prevailed during the Democratic administration of County affairs for the last four years. He was appointed, owing to his sterling qualities and worth, to succeed the late County Treasurer, and has so systematized the office of County Treasurer and Clerk of this County that the matter has been recognized and commented upon throughout the County. It is not a matter of record that Gene Goodrich has ever been written to upon any question pertaining to his office, however insignificant, when the writer has not received a prompt and responsive reply. He has won the confidence and regard of those settlers who reside in the rural districts of the County and who had previously been disgusted and discouraged by the lack of courtesy on the part of the officers of the Democratic administration who failed to respond to communications upon matters appertaining to their offices. The people of the County recognize in Eugene Goodrich sterling qualities and unusual capabilities in clerical matters, and intend to unanimously voice their sentiments at the polls.

A force of men has been put to work on the Alps mine. Jas. Healy has charge of the hoist.

Col. McSherry spent several days here this week arranging for extensive development on the Daily East.